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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the Neuruppin airfield between 7 and 19 December 1953:

7 to 13 December. There was no air activity. The weather was foggy or hazy. On 13 December, an alert flight of 4 MiG-15s was parked at the eastern end of the runway and 18 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s in front of the hangars. During the reported period there was little activity at the field. Apparently the personnel were often off duty and were permitted to go to town.

15 December. Between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., 3 Po-2s made individual flights. There was a 3/10 overcast and haze.

16 December. At 12:50 p.m., a swept-back fighter took off. In the afternoon, biplanes made individual flights.

17 December. Between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s made flights of about 15 minutes duration. There was a 3/10 overcast and light haze. Between 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m., Po-2s practiced night flying. The sky was clear.

18 December. No flying was observed, there was a light cloud base and haze.

19 December. There was no air activity. Visibility was poor and ice had formed on the runway; sand had been strewn on it. A total of 22 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s, including the aircraft of the alert flight, were counted at the field.¹

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Between 14 and 19 December, only very few air force soldiers were seen in Neuruppin.

2. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between 11 and 20 December:

11 December. No flying was observed. There was dense fog in the morning and visibility of about 1 km at noon.

12 December. There was no air activity. There was a fog-like cloud base and visibility of 6 to 8 km which decreased to less than 1 km after 8 a.m.

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13 December. There was no flying. It was foggy and visibility was limited to about 1 km.

14 December. Between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Po-2s which took off and landed at the Bechlin training grounds, flew steep banked turns and and figures eight. There was a 4/10 overcast and ground haze. Between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m., 2 Yak-11s made a high-altitude flight.

15 December. Between 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., MiG-15s of U-MiG-15s practiced flying. There was a 2 to 5/10 overcast and ground fog. High-altitude flights made individually and in flight formations were observed. All the aircraft took off and landed individually probably because of the haze.

16 December. Between 9:15 a.m. and noon, 3 swept-back jet fighters made individual high-altitude flights of about 30 minutes duration. The weather was 9/10 overcast with light intermittent rain showers.

17 December. Between 8:35 a.m. and 2 p.m., MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s and 2 Yak-11s made about 6 high-altitude flights. There was a 7/10 to 8/10 overcast and light haze. After 5 p.m., Po-2s practiced night flying.

18 December. No flying was observed. The weather was cloudless but hazy and there was frost.

19 December. There was no air activity. There was fog, light drizzle rain and slippery ice.

20 December. Again there was no flying. About 2 p.m., 22 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s and 4 Yak-11s were counted at the field.

3. Between 11 and 20 December, the alert flight was observed at its usual parking area at the eastern end of the runway. As source had repeatedly observed previously 6 additional MiG-15s each with a starter carriage under the left wing were parked near the hangars on 13 and 20 December.
4. On 20 December, a newly constructed temporary building, about 12 meters long, 8 meters wide, without chimney and painted gray-green, was observed about 50 meters west of the small temporary building at the dispersal area of the alert flight at the eastern end of the runway.
5. On 18 December, source learned from a craftsman, that, in mid-November, an officers' club for the air force officers stationed at the field had been established in the building of the former forest administration at the western side of Wittstocker Allee just north of the intersection of the road to Altruppin.

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25X1A 1. Comment. Neuruppin airfield is occupied by a fighter regiment equipped with
25X1C about 28 MiG-15s. In addition, Po-2s and Yak-11s are stationed there for basic training purposes.

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